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Daylight Saving Ends – CAL FIRE Reminds Local Residents to Change Your Clocks, Check Your Batteries

Morgan Hill – This Sunday, local residents will be rolling back their clocks as daylight saving comes to an end on November 1, 2015. CAL FIRE, the South Santa Clara County Fire District and the Morgan Hill Fire Department are reminding residents to test the batteries in all smoke alarms as well as their carbon monoxide (CO) alarm when they change their clocks.

"We are reminding all residents to test the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarm twice a year," said Chief Derek Witmer, CAL FIRE, Santa Clara Unit Chief. "Remember it only takes a few extra minutes to test the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when changing the time on your clocks."

Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms. CAL FIRE, the South Santa Clara County Fire District and the Morgan Hill Fire Department have the following tips on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms:

- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms once a month.
- Test the batteries in all smoke alarms and CO alarms twice a year.
- Don't "borrow" or remove batteries from smoke & CO alarms even temporarily.
- Regularly vacuum or dust smoke and CO alarms to keep them working properly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Don't paint over smoke or CO alarms.
- Practice family fire drills so everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm goes off.

Find more information visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov

CAL FIRE Smoke Alarm Webpage   Smoke Alarm Safety Video

CAL FIRE Carbon Monoxide Alarm Webpage

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